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Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits in this application, please amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5 and 6 as follows:

1. (Amended) A duplex strainer for straining a fluid comprising a housing having an inlet port through which material enters the housing and an outlet port through which strained material leaves the housing, a first strainer chamber for straining said fluid having first and second ports in separate fluid communication with the housing, a second strainer chamber for straining said fluid having a third port opposing said first port and a fourth port which opposes said second port in separate fluid communication with said housing, a first three-way ball valve for controlling the flow of fluid between said housing, first port and [second] third port, and a second three-way ball valve for controlling the flow of fluid between said second port and said fourth port and a coupling for coupling said first three way ball valve to said second three-way ball valve, said